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SUBJECT: SECVISIT UNGA: TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN

REF: ADDIS 9758 PARA 3 AND ADDIS 10912 PARA 4

1. EMBASSY WOULD EXPECT FONMIN TO CONCENTRATE ON QUESTION US
UNDERSTANDING OF AND SUPPORT FOR NEW ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT (EPMG).
HE IS LIKELY TO EXPLAIN TREND OF EVENTS WHICH LED TO FALL OF HAILE
SELASSIE; POINT OUT THAT EPMG HAS ALREADY MADE PUBLIC COMMITMENT
THAT IT WILL MEET ETHIOPIA'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS; STATE THAT
NOTWITHSTANDING ITS PUBLIC NON-ALIGNMENT POSTURE EPMG WILL CONTINUE
LOOK TO US FOR SUPPORT IN ITS EFFORTS FOSTER THE SECURITY AND
DEVELOPMENT OF ETHIOPIA AT CURRENT OR HIGHER LEVELS. IN THIS CON-
TEXT WE SHOULD ANTICIPATE THE REITERATION OF LG AMAN'S DESIRE FOR
ADDITIONAL AND EXPEDITED MILITARY ASSISTANCE ON SOFTEST TERMS,
THE MAINTENANCE OF MAXIMIZED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND THE CONTINU-
ATION OF NECESSARY DROUGHT RELIEF. FONMIN MAY ALSO CONVEY THAT
EARLY ACCREDITATION OF AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WOULD BE WELCOMED
BY HIMSELF AND BY HIS GOVERNMENT AS PRIME INDICATION USG'S CONTIN-
UING FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARDS ETHIOPIA. HE MAY HINT THAT UNDUE
DELAY ON OUR PART WOULD OPERATE TO STRENGTHEN FORCES INIMICAL BOTH
TO OUR INTEREST AND, IN HIS PERSONAL VIEW, TO THOSE OF ETHIOPIA.

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2. SECRETARY MAY WISH ASSURE FONMIN OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN

ETHIOPIA'S DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY. SECRETARY MAY WISH STATE THAT USG PREPARED CONTINUE WITH EPMG, ON BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, FRIENDLY RELATIONS IT HAS ENJOYED WITH PRECEDING ETHIOPIAN ADMINISTRATIONS. SECRETARY MAY THEN WISH TO REVIEW USG'S CURRENT EFFORTS IN BEHALF ETHIOPIA'S RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY AND SPEAK TO QUESTION OF US AMBASSADOR. IF CONVERSATION LENDS ITSELF THERETO, SECRETARY MAY WISH RAISE QUESTION ETHIOPIA'S SUPPORT FOR US VIEWS ON UNGA ISSUES TO WHICH WE ATTACH GREATEST IMPORTANCE.

3. IN OUR EXPERIENCE FONMIN IS UNUSUALLY FRANK AND DIRECT ON ALMOST ANY SUBJECT.

4. FONMIN'S EXACT ETA NEW YORK WILL BE CABLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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